



# CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

## COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

**AGENDA DATE:** March 13, 2007

**TO:** Mayor and Councilmembers

**FROM:** Engineering Division, Public Works Department

**SUBJECT:** Notice Of Completion For The Arroyo Burro Estuary Restoration Project – Landscape Contract

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Council:

- A. Accept the work completed by Plowboy Landscapes, Incorporated (Plowboy), Contract No. 22,046, for the Arroyo Burro Estuary Restoration Project – Landscape Contract (Landscape Contract), Bid No. 3439A, in the final contract amount of \$296,211.48, including approved changes, and approve filing of a Notice of Completion; and
- B. Authorize the General Services Manager to execute a Purchase Order Contract (P.O. Contract) with Plowboy in an amount not to exceed \$50,062, for ongoing site planting not completed in this contract.

### DISCUSSION:

#### SCOPE OF WORK

The goal of the Arroyo Burro Estuary and Mesa Creek Restoration Project was to improve both the aquatic and terrestrial wildlife habitat, expand existing wetlands, increase plant diversity, and improve water quality. In addition, the project improved pedestrian access between Arroyo Burro Beach County Park and the Douglas Family Preserve and provided opportunities for educating the public concerning water quality and wildlife habitat. To accomplish this goal, the project exposed Mesa Creek, which had been buried in an underground culvert, by removing the culvert and directing the water through the historic creek channel, as well as widening the Arroyo Burro Estuary. The completed project resulted in the restoration of 1.5 acres of coastal estuarine, riparian, oak woodland and coastal sage scrub habitats.

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REVIEWED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Finance \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney \_\_\_\_\_ Parks

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## BACKGROUND

On May 16, 2006, Council awarded the Landscape Contract to Plowboy in the amount of \$333,248, and authorized the Public Works Director to approve expenditures for extra work, in the amount of \$33,000.

Due to the complexities of this project, the civil and landscape portions of this work were bid separately. This Notice Of Completion only addresses the completion of the Landscape Contract. The Notice Of Completion for the civil contract was accepted by the City Council on December 5, 2006.

## PLANTING PURCHASE ORDER

Plowboy's original Landscape Contract included services to add additional plants over the next two years. The planting is being phased over two years to improve plant survival and to allow for better implementation of IPM methods of weed control. Due to the length of time and type of services to be completed, staff recommends removing the work from the existing Landscape Contract and authorizing the General Services Manager to execute a P.O. Contract to be managed by Creeks Staff. The P.O. Contract would be for an amount not to exceed \$50,062.

## SUMMARY

The contractor, Plowboy, has completed all work in accordance with the Landscape Contract plans and specifications. Final inspection of the work for acceptance by the City was made on February 9, 2007.

The final contract amount of \$296,211.48 is \$37,036.52 under the original contract amount of \$333,248.00. This difference is due to the issuance of two Contract Change Orders in the amount of (\$37,036.52).

## CHANGE ORDERS

The work covered by the Change Order consisted of quantity variations, time and material work not included in the Landscape Contract, removal of bid items for planting, and replacement planting to be done over the next two years.

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The following chart summarizes the construction contract authorizations:

**CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FUNDING SUMMARY**

	<b>Basic Contract</b>	<b>Change Funds</b>	<b>Total</b>
Initial Authorization	\$333,248	\$33,000.00	\$366,248.00
Final Actual Expenditure	\$333,248	(\$37,036.52)	\$296,211.48

**TOTAL PROJECT COST SUMMARY FOR LANDSCAPE WORK**

Design*	\$147,459.00
Construction – Landscape Contract	\$333,248.00
Construction Change Order costs	(\$37,036.52)
Construction – Two-Year Landscape Maintenance Contract	\$88,800.00
Construction – Planting Purchase Order	\$50,062.00
Construction Management/Inspection/ Environmental Services*	\$25,438.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$607,970.48</b>

\*Note: Item includes costs for Consultant and City Staff

Staff recommends that Council accept the work and approve filing of a Notice of Completion.

**SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT**

As part of the City's commitment to sustainability, this project accomplished the restoration of a natural habitat, improving wildlife habitat, native plant restoration, and improved water quality in the creeks and ocean. This project provided for the restoration of 1.5 acres of coastal estuarine, riparian, oak woodland and coastal sage scrub habitats at the confluence of Mesa and Arroyo Burro Creek.

**PREPARED BY:** John Schoof, Principal Civil Engineer/JH/mj

**SUBMITTED BY:** Anthony J. Nisich, Public Works Director

**APPROVED BY:** City Administrator's Office